

In the Specification:

Page 5, paragraph 00015

Skin-piercing element 102 can be any suitable skin-piercing element known to one skilled in art including, but not limited to, lancets, micro-needles and micro-needles that have been integrated with a biosensor to form an integrated micro-needle and biosensor medical device. Those skilled in the art will recognize that micro-needles serving as skin-piercing elements can take any suitable form including, but not limited to, those described in U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/919,981 (filed on August 1, 2001), 09/923,093 (filed on August 6, 2001), 10/143,399 (filed on May 9, 2002), 10/143,127 (filed on May 9, 2002), and ~~10/143,422~~ 10/143,442 (filed on May 9, 2002), as well as PCT Application WO 01/49507A1, each of which is hereby incorporated in full by reference.

Page 7, paragraph 00022

It should be noted that one skilled in the art would recognize that a photometric-based test strip, instead of an electrochemical-based test strip, can be employed in alternative embodiments of this invention. Examples of such photometric strips are described in U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 09/919,981 (filed on August 1, 2001), 09/923,093 (filed on August 6, 2001), 10/143,399 (filed on May 9, 2002), 10/143,127 (filed on May 9, 2002) and ~~10/143,422~~ 10/143,442 (filed on May 9, 2002), each of which is hereby incorporated in full by reference.